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SUBJ: 73RD SESSION OF ECE COAL COMMITTEE, GENEVA,
SEPTEMBER 26-29, 1977

1. THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE ECE COAL COMMITTEE, SEPT. 26-29, 1977, ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GDR, FRG, HUNGARY, ITALY, PLAND, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, UKRAINIAN SSR, USSR, UK, US AND YUGOSLAVIA. KURNOVSOV (USSR) NOMINATED MR. SCHEIDT (FRG) AND MR. WEGRZK (POLAND) AS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY FOLLOWING TRADITION PRACTICE OF TWO-YEAR ALTERNATING EAST-WEST TENURE OF OFFICERS.

2. COMMITTEE APPROVED REQUEST OF ECE 32ND SESSION (DECISION F) TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS STUDIES AND REPORTS AND REFERRED PROPOSALS ON STATISTICAL BULLETINS TO GROUP OF EXPERTS ON COAL STATISTICS FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. MR. KURNOSOV (USSR), CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PRODUCTIVITY AND MANAGEMENT, REPORTED ON THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES (COAL/GE.1/10) PARTICULARLY ON COMPLETED STUDY ON METHODS OF MEASURING AND PROCESSES FOR ELIMINATING DUST IN MINES. SECRETARIAT URGED GROUP TO COORDINATE
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ACTIVITIES WITH GROUP OF EXPERTS ON OPENCAST MINING AND TO DETERMINE COMPLETION DATES FORESEEN FOR PROJECTS ON REDUCTION OF PRODUCTION COSTS AND MANUFACTURE AND TRADE IN COAL INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT.

4. REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTED ON HIS COUNTRY'S INVITATION AND PREPARATIONS TO HOST FOURTH

MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL MINING RESEARCH INSTITUTES MARCH 20-25, 1978.

5. AFTER DISCUSSING REPORT OF MR. BARKER (UK), CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE UTILIZATION AND PREPARATION OF SOLID FUELS (COAL/GE.3/10) REFERRING TO DOCUMENT (COAL/R.39 AND ADD.1), COMMITTEE REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO CONDUCT A SURVEY REGARDING MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING CLASSIFICATION AND TO MAKE PRACTICAL PROPOSALS TO THE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SESSION.

6. REPRESENTATIVE OF POLAND INTRODUCED PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION TO BE HELD AT KATOWICE, POLAND 23-27 APRIL 1979. AS THERE ARE NO CANDIDATES FOR POST OF GENERAL RAPPOREUR ON TOPIC OF PROTECTION OF WATERS, SECRETARIAT ASKED IF US COULD PROVIDE ONE (SEE GENEVA 8250).

7. SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (COAL/SEM.5/2) HELD IN POLAND 18-22 OCTOBER 1976. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GDR REPORTED ON THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE USE OF HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT IN OPENCAST MINES TO BE HELD AT COTTBUS, GDR 16-19 OCTOBER 1978. UK REPRESENTATIVE ASKED FOR DEFINITION OF HEAVY DUTY AND GDR REPRESENTATIVES PROMISED TO FRAME PRECISE DEFINITION LATER.

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8. SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON THE COAL SITUATION IN THE ECE REGION IN 1976 AND ITS PROSPECTS (COAL/R.34 AND ADDENDA) AND HIGHLIGHTS OF COAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

9. US REPRESENTATIVE GAVE WRITTEN UPDATING OF SALIENT COAL STATISTICAL DATA FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL REMARKS ON THE CREATION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE ENACTMENT OF SURFACE MINING LEGISLATION AND THAT ENERGY ISSUES WERE BEING DEBATED. THERE FOLLOWED HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COAL SITUATION IN UK, ITALY, USSR, SWEDEN, TURKEY, POLAND, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, W. GERMANY, FRANCE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BELGIUM.

10. THE COMMITTEE THEN HEARD THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF EXPERTS ON COAL STATISTICS, MR. OAKLAND (UK) WHO PRESENTED DOCUMENT (COAL/GE.2/10). MR. WEGRZK (POLAND) REPORTED THAT THE UN NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER IN NEW YORK AND A SYMPOSIUM ON WORLD COAL PROSPECTS BY THE CENTER IS TO BE HOSTED BY POLAND ON 10-17 SEPT. 1979 IN WHICH IT IS HOPED THAT 70 COUNTRIES (OF WHICH 35 ARE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) OF SIGNIFICANT OR POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT COAL

PRODUCERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. HE ASKED THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES BE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE SYMPOSIUM. THE SYMPOSIUM IS TO FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILLING TO DEVELOP COAL PRODUCTION POTENTIAL.

11. MR. WEGRZK (POLAND) REQUESTED THT MEMBER COUNTRIES CONSIDER A STUDY TOUR PROGRAM. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM BE CONSIDERED FOR FORMAL ADOPTION:

1978 - FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (EXISTING SCHEDULE)

1979 - YUGOSLAVIA

1980 - UNITED KINGDOM

1981 - USSR

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1982 - UNITED STATES

1983 - HUNGARY

THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION.
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